



PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, January 6th, 2021

Join us at 7pm in the Sanctuary or on [Facebook](#) and use this Guide to pray along with us.

• INTRO

Welcome back to Prayer Service! We took a little break for the holidays, and now we're continuing our journey of praying through the Psalms—even as the church has begun the journey of reading through the whole Bible in 2021! We're picking back up tonight with a *powerful psalm*, number 18. We'll need to break this into two weeks, because it's long—actually, the fourth-longest Psalm, *50 verses*. We'll read a few passages from the first half tonight, and we'll finish the second half next week. This Psalm, like many, is attributed to David: the description says he sang these words to the Lord after he was delivered from his enemies, from the vengeful king Saul. The powerful thing about many parts of the Old Testament is that we can see them through multiple lenses: these words vividly describe a particular time and situation, they stand as a testimony of David's experience of God's deliverance and power. Through another lens, we can see how these words prophetically point to the victory of King Jesus, who was delivered from death by the power of God for our own salvation. Finally, we can sing these words with king David: while we may not have experienced anything like he did here, we *have* experienced the powerful salvation of God in Christ—at a greater scope than perhaps David would have imagined. God works in amazing ways! In the ongoing turmoil of the world, be encouraged tonight. Let's pray.

• PAUSE

"As I enter prayer now, I pause to be still; to breathe slowly; to re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God." (Lectio365) *Pause and pray.*

As we read **Psalm 18** together, be open with the parts that confuse or challenge you; meditate on the parts that stand out to you:

"¹ I love you, LORD, my strength. ² The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ³ I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies. ⁴ The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. ⁵ The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. ⁶ In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears...

¹³ The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded. He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters...

¹⁷ He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. ¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. ¹⁹ He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.”
(Psalm 18:1-6, 13, 17-19)

• **SONGS**

“Build Your Kingdom Here” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/YcSWpVKKMcs>

VERSE 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

CHORUS

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

VERSE 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

VERSE 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

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“Holy Spirit” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/LaRHOltRfZg>

VERSE 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever
come close
No thing can compare You're our living
hope
Your Presence

CHORUS

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the
atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

VERSE 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of
loves
Where my heart becomes free and my
shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

BRIDGE

Let us become more aware of Your
Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your
goodness (Lord)

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- **PSALM 18:1-6**

“1 I love you, LORD, my strength. 2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies. 4 The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. 5 The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. 6 In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears...”

Reread this passage again a few times, slowly. Ask the Lord to speak to you and guide you. What words or phrases are standing out? Meditate and pray on those words. *Pause and pray.*

- **PSALM 18:13, 17-19**

13 The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded. He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters... 17 He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. 18 They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. 19 He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.”

Is our faith like David's? Do we trust that, in the end, God will come through for us? The truth is, He already has—no matter what challenges we may suffer in this life. We may not have the kind of enemies David experienced here—ours is greater. The New Testament reminds us that our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual powers of evil—the Enemy himself (Ephesians 6). We would be trapped, without hope, if God hadn't come through, if Jesus hadn't come to deliver us. But we have been delivered. We have been saved. *God delighted in us and gave His own Son, “...that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,”* (John 3:16). If this is true, who or what could possibly stand against us? What could ever separate us from the love of God? (Romans 8) We can sing with every bit of passion and praise as David did—and more.

Do you feel that today? Do you believe, no matter what present fears or trials, that God has saved you? Ask God to assure you of the salvation you have in Christ and to bring to salvation those you know who haven't yet trusted in Him. *Pause and pray.*

- **SONG**

“How Firm A Foundation” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/cY6k2QhdCn0>

VERSE 1

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

VERSE 2

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee help thee
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand

VERSE 3

When through the deep waters He calls
thee to go
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow
For He will be with thee in trouble to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

VERSE 4

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall
lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply
The flames shall not hurt thee I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to
refine

VERSE 5

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for
repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to
shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

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“Mighty to Save” (Chorus) Click Here - <https://youtu.be/GEAcs2B-kNc>

VERSE 1

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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• Closing

***“Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to you in every way.
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.”***
(Lectio365)